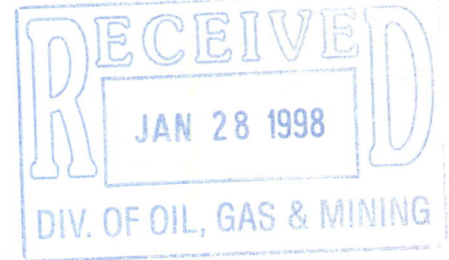


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ENGINEERED MATERIALS

November 20, 1997

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**Re: Topaz Mine, M/023/003, Juab County Utah; Request for Release From
Work on Monitor # 3, and North Blue Chalk # 2 Pit Berms.**

Dear Mr. Hedburg:

Please be advised that additional reclamation treatment as of November 20, 1997 has been completed on the Monitor # 3 dump, North Blue Chalk # 2 dump, Hogs Back topsoil pile seeded, Hogs Back 2 to 1 dump slope and Section 16 North topsoil stockpile area. A site inspection may be conducted at your convenience. At this time Brush Wellman will request a release of safety berms around the Monitor # 3 pit and the North Blue Chalk # 2 pit as required in the MRP.

I am very proud to work for an organization like Brush Wellman who have empowered me with the reclamation responsibility. I think this has been the best reclamation treatment we have tried yet. I am very excited to view the results this spring. I hope your agency agrees with me that Brush Wellman is trying to exceed the reclamation requirements. See work completed in the annual report.

I look forward to your reply on setting a date concerning this inspection. Please feel free to contact me Clyde Yates at (801-864-5556) ext. 102 or Mr. Greg Hawkins at (801-864-2701) ext. 211.

Sincerely,

Clyde Yates

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